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Cash paid of James Hovey  
John D. Andrews  
Hosea Church  
John Burbank

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# ACCOUNT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

## TOWN OF HOPKINTON,

FOR THE YEAR 1853.

STATE CAPITAL REPORTER OFFICE, CONCORD, N. H.

The Selectmen charge themselves with orders drawn on the Treasurer, amounting to **\$6784 61**

Cash rec'd of C. C. Davis,	5 50
" F. P. Knowlton, old brick,	2 15
" 26th Div. Literary Fund,	120 06
" town of Langdon for support of pauper,	28 00
" Thomas J. Burbank, for boat,	5 00
" for old bridge at Contoocookville,	39 68
" of county for support of paupers,	193 01
" estate of J. Hastings deceased,	18 43
" town of Amherst sup. pauper,	6 00
" railroad tax of State,	129 36
" Asahel S. Straw, for stone,	1 66
" Selectmen, error in dividing parsonage money,	10
" J. Stanwood, for money paid out of treasury, precinct case \$65, interest \$4,	69 00
" Moses Colby, error in bill,	1 55
" on execution against Timothy Colby and others,	30 00
" of Isaac Rowell, for stone,	2 82

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NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATE LIBRARY

Cash hired of James Hoyt,	300 00
“ John D. Andrews,	200 00
“ Anna G. Sargent,	100 00
“ Bimsley Perkins,	300 00
“ Hosea Clough,	250 00
“ John Burnham,	287 00
“ Jeremiah Story,	250 00
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Accounted for as follows :

*Paid Religious Societies :*

1st Congregational,.....	\$30 09
Union Baptist,.....	19 04
Calvin Baptist,.....	15 72
Episcopal,.....	4 40
1st Universalist,.....	7 57
2d “.....	7 10
Methodist,.....	4 18
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	88 10

*Paid School Districts :*

To District No. 1,	\$136 31	To District No. 12,	55 67
“ 2,	70 07	“ 13,	75 83
“ 3,	72 95	“ 14,	58 55
“ 4,	73 91	“ 15,	58 55
“ 5,	56 63	“ 16,	61 43
“ 6,	56 63	“ 17,	63 35
“ 7,	73 91	“ 18,	42 23
“ 8,	64 31	“ 19,	77 75
“ 9,	58 55	“ 20,	106 51
“ 10,	128 59	“ 21,	47 03
“ 11,	89 27		<hr/>
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*School-House Taxes :*

Paid School Dist. No. 16, balance due,	83 53
“ 1,	126 74
“ 10,	250 00
“ 21,	27 00
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	\$487 27

*Paid Superintending School Committee:*

Perley W. Beck,.....	20 00
Isaac Story,.....	21 00
S. L. F. Simpson,.....	16 50
	—————\$57 50

*Paid Enginemen:*

For services,.....	\$60 00
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*Paid for discontinuance of Henniker Road and Bridge.*

George & Foster, services and cash paid,	68 00
R. F. Morgan, cash paid eighteen witnesses, attendance, and travelling fees before the Road Commissioners,	23 95
Selectmen's bill for use of horses and wagons for conveyance of Commissioners on dif- ferent roads, for examination and sum- moning of witnesses, and cash paid,	4 75
Moses Colby, for cash paid fine and indict- ment on Henniker Road and Bridge,	8 96
Enoch J. Chase, cash paid Road Commis'srs,	54 00
Paid 1st Universalist Society use of meeting house, road hearing,	3 00
Levi Straw, expenses of Road Commis- sioners' counsel, and Selectmen at hearing,	18 50
	—————\$181 16

*Repairing Highway near Jonathan French's.*

Sept.	Moses Colby two days,	2 00
	Hiram Chadwick one day,	83
	Edwin S. Chandler two days,	1 67
	Grover Dodge two days,	1 67
	J. J. Webber two days,	1 67
	Jona. French two days,	1 67
	One hand two days,	1 66
	2 oxen 2 days, use plow and cart,	2 42
		—————\$13 59

*Repairing Highway near Levi Straw's, by reason, in part,  
of petitioners.*

Nov.	Seth W. Straw two days,	1 50
	1 hand one and a half days,	1 12
	2 oxen 1 1-2 day and use of cart,	1 18
June & Aug.	Ebenezer Flanders one day,	1 00
	Levi Straw two days,	1 83
	2 hands two days,	3 46
	2 oxen one day,	87
	R. F. Morgan two days,	2 00
	2 oxen one day,	1 00
	1 hand one day,	50
	Moses F. Hoyt two days,	1 83
	William S. Straw two days,	1 83
	Sullivan Flanders two days,	2 00
	Jacob K. Clark one day,	1 00
	David M. Eaton two days,	1 83
	2 oxen one day,	83
	Use of plow and cart two days,	1 50
	J. S. Piper two days,	1 83
	J. W. Dodge one day,	83
	J. Reid one day,	1 00
	Stephen K. Fifield one day,	83
Nov.	Ebenezer Flanders, Dist. No. 25, 3 hands, 4 oxen, plow and cart half a day,	2 50
	Isaac Emerson repairing highway, Dist. No. 41,	3 30
		— \$35 57

ROADS AND BRIDGES :

*Rowell's Bridge.*

Paid H. Childs & Co.,	290 00
Enoch J. Chase for iron,	2 25
Isaac Rowell two days,	2 00
Isaac Rowell two oxen two days and use of plow,	2 50
one day on railing,	1 00
Thos. W. Carr half-day 50c., scraper 50,	1 00
for stone,	1 50

Paid Seth G. Emerson two days,	2 00
for two oxen two days,	2 00
R. F. Morgan three days,	3 00
David M. Eaton two days,	2 00
Moses F. Hoyt one day,	1 00
William P. Perry one day and a half,	1 50
for two oxen one day and a half,	1 50
for boy one day,	50
Darius Bowers blacksmith work,	1 00
Ebenezer Flanders one day,	1 00
Moses Colby, paid E. L. Childs in full,	42 50
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*Hill's Bridge.*

Paid Dutton Woods for labor and material,	1400 00
“ lumber for sidewalks,	40 00
“ for extra lumber and	
making railing,	16 95
Moses Colby for board of hands,	5 90
Enoch J. Chase self and two horses	
twice to Henniker for stone,	4 00
seven and a half days,	9 38
two horses one and a half day,	1 50
self, boy and horses moving plank,	1 00
two oxen one day,	1 00
Moses Colby one day and cash paid,	1 55
Enoch J. Chase cash paid for stone,	18 00
Ambrose Chase six and a half days,	6 50
two oxen four days,	4 00
cart two days,	40
Ebenezer Morrill two days,	2 00
two oxen two days,	2 00
cart two days,	40
Amos H. Whittier four days,	4 00
horse, one day and use of cart,	1 15
two oxen four days,	4 00
Hiram Burbank 2 3-4 days,	2 75
James Colby three and a half days,	3 50
Geo. B. Hardy gravel for grading the	
road at the ends of new bridge,	4 00
Stephen W. Burbank three days,	3 00

Paid G. & E. Danforth blacksmith work,	1 28
Jonathan Burbank two days,	2 00
Sargent Fisk one day,	1 00
two oxen and cart one day,	1 20
Thomas J. Burbank seven days and use of tools,	10 50
E. J. Chase, boy, two horses and cart two days,	3 88
Samuel Ordway two days,	2 00
Asa Kimball one hand two days,	1 75
Daniel Fisk self and four oxen one day drawing stone,	3 00
John Holmes two days,	2 00
Moses Colby 8 1-2 days,	10 63
cash paid Holmes & Merrill for labor,	30
Jonathan B. Emerson self, 1 hand, 4 oxen and horse seven days,	27 00
William T. Elliot for paints and oil,	7 87
Melvin Colby two days,	2 67
	————— \$1614 06

*Repairing different Bridges.*

Paid Isaiah J. Webber 229 feet plank,	1 60
labor repairing bridge near J. Webber's,	50
Enoch J. Chase 672 feet plank,	6 72
labor for hauling and repairing bridge near R. Hardy's,	2 50
Albert Crowell 270 feet plank,	2 70
labor repairing bridge near S. Farrington,	50
Amos Currier 640 feet plank, for bridge near said Currier's, J. D.	6 40
Andrews 311 feet plank,	2 33
Perley W. Beck 396 feet plank and 2 stringers,	3 51
James Ash 77 ft. plank for Dolph Bridge,	77
labor repairing road and bridge,	2 16
H. E. Perkins 257 feet plank,	2 57
H. E. Perkins 750 "	7 50
H. E. Perkins 300 feet timber and plank,	3 00
H. E. Perkins 3 days building drain,	2 50
	————— \$45 26

*For support of Paupers.*

Paid Enoch J. Chase cash paid Martha Eastman for support of Simeon Eastman,	6 00
J. P. Knowlton, clothing for Eastman, expense of moving said Eastman from Sunapee to Poor Farm,	9 75 4 80
W. T. Elliot, provisions furnished Jas. Buckley and family, county paupers,	13 01
Alex. Rogers medical aid poor farm,	18 00
C. C. Tyler " " Moses Hoyt,	3 85 5 94
Joseph Stanwood wood and groceries furnished Humphrey T. Randall,	18 32
J. D. Merrill articles of provision furnished John Foster,	8 75
Nancy Ripley support of Mary Ripley,	27 50
Geo. W. Wadleigh " Morrill family,	34 97
E. J. Chase cash paid G. W. Woodbury for support of Sarah Rich 3 years past,	18 00
E. J. Chase cash paid Louisa Drake for support of Clara A. Dunbar,	6 33
horse hire and expenses to pay the same,	2 25
Moses Colby for cash paid for support of M. Wrixford,	7 00
Moses Colby for services of committing Bridget Gibbons to N. H. Asylum,	4 00
J. D. Merrill for articles of provision furnished John Foster,	3 00
Jere. S. Story 1 cord wood, T. Francis,	3 00
Jere. W. Wilson med. aid Mrs. Booth,	16 00
E. J. Chase support of wife and child of Wm. Booth,	12 00
Moses Colby for advertising paupers,	1 25
J. W. Wilson med. aid Buckley family,	9 93
E. J. Chase for assistance and support of Buckley family,	2 00
Jere. Fowler house rent Morrill family,	9 00
J. W. Wilson med. aid Henry Foster,	6 39
M. Cross digging 2 graves and attendance Sally Hoyt and Sim. Eastman,	3 00
M. Colby expenses regard to county pau-	

pers in examining records 5 towns,	5 55
Paid J. N. Hersey, coffin for Henry Foster,	3 00
J. Stanwood support of S. Eastman,	13 00
E. J. Chase support, in part, of Polly Kimball and daughter,	12 28
Phebe Barton support H. Straw 1 year,	39 00
James Colby digging grave for H. Fos- ter, and attendance with hearse,	2 25
Moses Colby 8 1-2 feet hard wood for T. Francis,	3 25
Mary Ordway support of Susan Brown,	6 00
R. F. Morgan for 1 pair shoes S. Rich, county pauper,	1 00
Reuben E. French 1 1-4 cords of wood for T. Francis,	2 25
Rufus Sawyer, agent poor farm,	195 00
order on treas'r in favor of town farm,	30 00
J. Foster taking care of H. Foster in last sickness and funeral expenses,	9 50
Abial R. Chandler 1 1-2 cords wood for T. Francis,	4 25
J. M. Bailey 1 cord wood H. T. Randall,	3 50
Henry P. Randall for assistance and care of H. T. Randall,	5 50
Farnham & Hubbard articles furnished the Buckley family,	5 00
Nancy Ripley support of Mary Ripley,	33 00
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*Principal and Interest on sundry Notes.*

Paid Samuel Spofford,.....	157 12
Phinehas Clough,.....	262 50
Bimsley Perkins,.....	307 50
J. D. Merrill for Hosea Clough's note and interest,.....	255 71
John D. Andrews interest on note,...	5 00
Anna G. Sargent, " " " " " "	7 95
Martha Ladd, " " " " " "	5 50
Parker M. Flanders, " " " " " "	5 50
Jonathan Flanders, " " " " " "	11 00
John Burnham,.....	42 80
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## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES :

Paid Willian Rogers, for fencing and keeping in repair fence across Henniker road 18 months,	2 00
Moses Colby, cash paid John H. George services,	15 00
Commissioners on petition for discontinuance of highway, petitioned for by Timothy Colby and others,	32 21
Timothy Chandler, care of Town House, wood and repairing,	4 50
Enoch J. Chase, horse hire	2 70
Joab Patterson, notifying jurors past year,	3 00
Isaac Story, repairing town-house,	83
Joseph Stanwood, interest on Lerner female charity fund for 1853,	25 00
Moses Colby, for insurance assessment on pauper establishment for 1851,	3 53
Granite Mutual Fire Ins. Co, for insurance on pauper buildings,	3 26
materials for grave yard fence, Hopkinton Village,	10 21
Daniel Flanders, for labor and gate hinges,	7 34
repairing town house,	1 35
Josiah Jewett rep. grave yard fence,	75
James Colby, do. do.	30
Moses Colby, cash paid Phineas Clough running line poor farm,	50
E. J. Chase, surveyors, and expenses for p rambulating lines agnst. 4 towns,	8 17
S. M. Currier, nine days enrolling soldiers,	9 00
S. M. Currier, one day recording and making return,	1 00
expenses, while doing the same,	1 00
James B. Kelley, for lumber cut and sold by town, in 1848, from his farm as appears by establishing the line,	29 15
S. L. F. Simpson, for copying school	

report 1852, and making return to Secretary of State,	3 00
Paid J. D. Merrill, for insurance on N. G. Chase's house,	1 53
C. S. Lerner, storage of hearse one yr.,	1 50
Hall Roberts, Teachers Institute,	24 18
Moses Colby, for cash paid referees on case of Benjamin Sargent,	4 00
Moses Colby, money paid Benjamin Sargent for damages sustained by ob- struction in highway,	11 00
R. F. Morgan, for getting stone out of river,	1 00
horse and carriage hire and expenses to 3 towns,	2 00
Moses Colby, horse and carriage to Con- cord 3 times and expenses on pau- per and road business,	5 00
postage on letters past year,	65
journey and expenses to Concord, to get reports printed, \$2,00, postage 5 cents,	2 05
one half day revising check list and making warrant for special town meeting,	50
Cyrus Barton, printing reports,	27 00
Joseph Stanwood, 3 days settling with auditors,	3 00
George W. Currier, as auditor 3 days,	3 00
Isaac Story, do. do.	3 00
John Burnham 2 days,	2 00
J. D. Merrill, 1 day extra,	1 00
H. Putnam, expenses of settlement,	9 25
one half day correcting check list,	50
Moses Cross rep. grave yard fence,	25
H. Putnam, 3 days settling with auditor,	3 00
one half day revising check list,	50
George B. Hardy, non-resident high- way tax in labor,	22 95
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*Stationery.*

Paid Isaac Long, ruling clerks record books for three years past,	4 25	
four inventory books, prepared for use,	4 42	
one book for collector of taxes,	50	
ruling and heading record books for taxes,	2 75	
Moses Colby, for ten quires of paper,		
Joab Patterson, stationary and postage,	95	
check-list, pens and ink,	4 70	
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*Abatement of Taxes.*

Paid J. A. Putney's list for 1852,	4 88	
G. B. Hardy's list for 1853	45 12	
on school house taxes,	3 99	
William Winchester, on poll taxes,	2 21	
W. K. Story, poll tax,	1 61	
Samuel H. Dow, tax on money,	1 00	
Henry L. B. Kelley, error,	79	
G. W. E. & H. L. B. Kelly,	1 61	
Daniel Richardson, on money,	1 34	
Albert Holmes,	3 35	
John Smiley, refunded by agreement of 1852,	3 00	
C. A. Farnham, error,	2 29	
Francis H. Raymond, on money,	2 00	
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Paid J. D. Merrill, services as Treasurer,	18 00	
Joab Patterson, do. Clerk,	15 00	
G. B. Hardy, do. Collector,	37 50	
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*Selectmen's Services :*

1853. To Moses Colby, for—	
March. 1-2 day making return of polls,	50
1 day hiring agent for Poor Farm, &c.,	1 00
2 days on road and pauper business,	2 00
2 days preparing inventory books, &c.,	2 00
April, 6 days taking inventory,	6 00
1-2 day advertising Hill's Bridge,	50

April.	1 day pauper case and selling bridge,	1 00	
	3 days regulating inventory & other work,	3 00	
	Journey to N. H. Asylum,	50	
	1 day making taxes,	1 00	
	2 days making surveyors' warrants,	2 00	
	Distributing surveyors' warrants,	1 00	
	1 day on collector's book,	1 00	
	Paying Samuel Spofford's note,	50	
	1-2 day qualifying, collecting, &c.,	50	
	1 day establishing town line on poor farm,	1 00	
	1 day taking inventory School Dist. No. 1,	1 00	
	June.	1 day making taxes " " " " " "	1 00
		1 day taking inventory " " " " No. 10,	1 00
		1 day making taxes, " " " " " "	1 00
Journey to Concord and making returns to Secretary and Treasurer of State,		1 50	
1 day settling Benj. Sargent's claim, &c.,		1 00	
1 day pauper case and returning inv. to town clerk,		1 00	
1 day division of school money,		1 00	
1-2 day on bridge Contoocookville,		50	
July.		1 day insuring P. buildings and selling old bridge,	1 00
		August.	1 day on road and bridge business,
1 day to Concord about Henniker road,	1 00		
1 day settling bridge bills,	1 00		
1 day with J. H. George on Henniker road case,	1 00		
1 day settling with D. Woods, and other business,	1 00		
Sept.	1-2 day jury meeting,	50	
	1 day school-house tax Dist. No. 21,	1 00	
	3 days with road commissioners,	3 00	
Oct.	1 day preparing C. paupers' bills,	1 00	
	6 days examining records of 5 towns, taking depositions concerning the residence of paupers,	6 00	
	3 1-2 days perambulating town lines,	3 50	

Nov.	1 day perambulating Henniker town lines,	1 00
	1-2 day settling bills and other business,	50
	1-2 day " " " "	50
	1-2 day pauper case, Mrs. Brown,	50
Dec.	1 day petition of George W. Hoyt, &c.,	1 00
	1 day dividing parsonage money,	1 00
	1 day revising jury box and appointing	
1854.	trustee Lerner legacy,	1 00
Jan.	1-2 day paying B. Perkins' note,	50
Feb.	1-2 day examining town securities, &c.,	50
	1-2 day on 3 pauper cases,	1 50
	1 day at Poor Farm appraising property,	1 00
	2 days making check list and warrant,	2 00
	1 day settling with collector, treasurer, clerk,	1 00
	2 days recording bills,	2 00
		— \$67 50
1853.	To E. J. Chase, for—	
March.	1-2 day making return of polls,	50
	1 day hiring agent for Poor Farm,	1 00
	1-2 day to Concord on pauper business,	50
	2 days to Sunapee & Grantham " "	2 00
	1 day on pauper business,	1 00
	1 day preparing inventory books,	1 00
April.	5 days taking inventory,	5 00
	1 day regulating inventory books,	1 00
	1 day pauper business and letting bridge,	1 00
	2 days regulating inventory,	2 00
	1 day making taxes,	1 00
	1-2 day making surveyors warrants,	50
May.	1 day distributing " "	1 00
	1-2 day settling bills,	50
	1 day on collector's book and other business,	1 00
	1-2 day appointing collector,	50
	1-2 day to Henniker to purchase stone,	50
	1 day Poor Farm running line,	1 00
	1 day taking inventory Dist. No 1,	1 00
June.	1-2 day making taxes, " "	50
	1 day taking inventory Dist. No. 10,	1 00

June.	1-2 day relating to bridge,	50
	1 day settling bills,	1 00
	1-2 day at Hill's Bridge,	50
July.	1-2 day to Boscawen on insurance business,	50
	1-2 day at Hill's Bridge,	50
August.	1 day settling bills,	1 00
	1 day on school orders,	1 00
	1 day procuring help on Hill's Bridge,	1 00
Sept.	1-2 day on jury meeting,	50
	1 day making taxes Dist. No. 21,	1 00
Oct.	3 days with road commissioners,	3 00
	1 day settling bills,	1 00
	2 days perambulating lines 2 towns,	2 00
Nov.	1 day pauper case and settling bills,	1 00
	1-2 day to Boscawen to notify selectmen,	50
Dec.	1-2 day settling bills,	50
1854.	1 day revising jury box,	1 00
Feb.	1 day settling bills and other business,	1 00
	1 day " " " " " "	1 00
	1 day at Poor Farm appraising property,	1 00
	1 day settling with collector, treasurer, clerk,	1 00
		— \$44 00
1853.	To R. F. Morgan, for—	
March.	1-2 day making return of ratable polls,	50
	1-2 day to Weare pauper case,	50
	1 day hiring agent Poor Farm,	1 00
	2 days preparing inventory books,	2 00
April.	5 1-2 days taking inventory,	5 50
	1-2 day advertising bridge,	50
	3 days regulating inventory books, letting bridge, and making warrant town meeting,	3 00
	1-2 day on case of Benjamin Sargent,	50
	2 days making taxes,	2 00
	2 days making surveyors' warrants,	2 00
	1 day distributing " " " "	1 00
May.	1 day at Rowell's Bridge and appointing collector,	1 00
	1 1-2 day on collector's book and warrant,	1 50

May.	1 day taking inventory School Dist. No. 1,	1 00
June.	1 day making taxes, " "	1 00
	1 day taking inventory School Dist. No. 10,	1 00
	1 day making taxes " "	1 00
June.	2 days making return of taxes to Secretary of State,	2 00
	4 days recording taxes,	4 00
	1 1-2 day recording school-house taxes,	1 50
	1 day at Contoocookville & Rowell's Bridge,	1 00
	1 day dividing school money,	1 00
August.	1 1-2 day making school orders, receipts, &c.	1 50
	1 day making orders and procuring help on road,	1 00
Sept.	1-2 day jury meeting,	50
	1 day making school-house tax Dist. No. 21,	1 00
	3 days with road commissioners,	3 00
	1 day making bills and recording school- house tax Dist. No. 21,	1 00
	Journey to Henniker and Weare to obtain place for Page Bruce, a pauper,	1 25
Oct.	Carrying Page Bruce to Henniker,	50
	2 days perambulating town lines Boscawen and Dunbarton,	2 00
	1 day settling with witnesses on road hearing,	1 00
Nov.	1 day perambulating town lines Henniker and Hopkinton,	1 00
	1-2 day settling bills and other business,	50
Dec.	1 day on petition of Geo. W. Hoyt,	1 00
	1 day dividing parsonage money,	1 00
	1 day revising jury box and Lerner legacy,	1 00
	1 day to Fisherville with Page Bruce,	1 00
Jan. 1854.	1 1-2 days examining town securities,	50
Feb.	1 day appraising property at Poor Farm,	1 00
	2 days making check list and warrant,	2 00
	1 day settling with collector,	1 00
	2 days recording bills,	2 00

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## RECAPITULATION.

Paid religious societies,	88	10
School districts,	1528	03
School house taxes,	487	27
Sup. School Committee,	57	50
Enginemen,	60	00
discontinuance of Henniker road and bridge,	181	16
repairing highway near Jona. French's, do. do. do. Levi Straw's,	13	59
	35	57
Rowell's bridge,	358	25
Hill's do.	1614	06
different bridges,	45	26
support of paupers,	627	37
notes and interest,	1060	58
miscellaneous expenses,	295	86
stationery,	17	57
abatement of taxes,	73	19
services of clerk, treasurer and collec- tor,	70	50
selectmen,	170	75
treasurer's receipts,	2339	32
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MOSES COLBY, } Selectmen  
E. J. CHASE, } of  
R. F. MORGAN, } Hopkinton.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF THE PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

## PROPERTY APPRAISED ON PAUPER FARM.

1 pair oxen, \$135 ; 6 cows, \$144 ;	279	00
6 young cattle, \$62 ; 10 sheep, \$20 ;	82	00
10 tons Eng. hay, \$160 ; 5 tons hay, \$40 ;	200	00
54 bush. corn, \$59.40 ; corn fodder and straw, \$4 ;	63	40
50 bush. oats, \$25 ; 1 bush. rye, \$1 ; 1-2 bush. peas, 75c.,	26	75
1 bbl. flour, \$10.50 ; 6 1-2 bush. beans, \$13 ;	23	50
75 bush. potatoes, \$37 ; 1 bbl. apples, \$3 ;	40	00



70 lbs. dried apples, \$7; 1 bbl. cider, \$3;	10 00
1 bbl. soap, \$3.50; 1-2 bbl. vinegar, \$2.50;	6 00
500 lbs. pork, \$55; 144 lbs. ham, \$19;	74 00
325 lbs. beef, \$17; 50 lbs. candles, \$6.50;	23 50
325 lbs. cheese, \$40.00; 50 lbs. butter, \$10;	50 00
66 lbs. lard, \$8.58; 3 shoats, \$32;	40 58
8 1-4 lbs. stocking yarn, \$8.25; 1 1-2 lbs. wool, 67c.;	8 92
4 pairs feeting, \$1.80; 14 yds. flannel, \$7;	8 80
7 yds. cassimere, \$6; leather, \$2;	8 00
24 lbs. fresh meat, \$1.92; gard. sauce, \$1.50;	3 42
Lumber,	40 00
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PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT, Dr.

1853.

March 1. To real estate,	2200 00
stock, hay & provisions,	911 55
tools and furniture,	175 00
cash in agent's hands,	38
interest on real estate, tools and furniture,	142 50
agent's compensation,	195 00
order drawn on treasurer,	30 00
amount of doctor's bills,	21 85
	<hr/> \$3676 28

1854.

March 1. By real estate,	2200 00
stock, hay and provisions,	987 87
tools and furniture,	214 00
	<hr/> \$3401 97
Balance against establishment,	274 31

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\$3676 28

Average number of paupers supported the past year,  
about 17.

MOSES COLBY,	} Selectmen of Hopkinton.
E. J. CHASE,	
R. F. MORGAN,	

# REPORT

## OF THE

### Superintending School Committee.

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The Superintending committee intend no studied eulogium upon the success of our schools the past year ; but content themselves by saying that (in their opinion) they have been as successful as with the limited care, cost and solicitude bestowed upon them, we could reasonably expect. We have endeavored, so far as our connection with them has extended, to make them thorough in the rudiments of the various branches taught, and in all cases to have the qualifications of the teacher equal to the wants of the school ; if such has not been the case in every school, it has been owing to misapprehension on our part, or other causes extraneous to the committee ; our endeavor having been to discharge our duties faithfully, fearlessly and impartially. That there are causes operating adversely upon the success of our schools is self-evident, and that these causes are in many instances beyond our control, supervision or remedy is undeniable, lying as they do deep in the social habits, conceits and predilections of our people ;—there being little harmony of sentiment upon the subject of education, or the sphere of the common school :—some having too crude or antiquated notions upon the subject, others too progressive :— some believing the theoretical and rudimental parts should be mostly attended to, others that the practical, and still others in an union of the two :— some believing the success of the school all or mostly depends upon the teacher, others upon the scholar :— some believing in the pouring-in or coercive, others in the imbibing developing system :— some believing the memory alone need be educated, others that all the faculties of the mind should be developed and educated :— some believing the Superintending committee too rigid and severe in their examinations, others that they are too easy :— some believing the said committee are a nullity, others, that they are indispensable :— some thinking the standard of qualifications of teachers too high, others, too low. Hence, with all the conflicting and selfish opinions upon the subject, often generating a thousand jealousies, bickerings and wranglings, and always tending to produce division and discord, we ought to thank God and good fortune that we have anything of the sem-

blance of prosperity among our schools. That we have shows not only the divine superiority of a little truth over much error, but that there is abundant encouragement to the friends of common schools for renewed efforts to raise the standard and character of our schools, by a candid discussion of their merits, and by appeals to our legislators to place them upon a basis, beyond the cavil and dissimulations of those who would always confine them to the antiquated and unprogressive limits of by-gone ages.

The progress of the age and the harmony of our schools demand further legislation, making provision for that large class of scholars, who wish to attend to Natural Philosophy, Physiology and kindred studies, (where their advancement in other studies would warrant it,) and thereby relieving the Superintending committee from the many complaints arising upon this subject. We think the law should be more explicit upon this subject, either directly allowing or prohibiting the introduction of such branches. Also, upon qualifications of teachers, we think our laws altogether too indefinite and inexplicable to meet the wants of the subject and the age. The Superintending committee have duties and responsibilities enough attached to their calling, without the study and interpretation of intricacies and nice questions of law.

Believing your common schools are making a progress fully compatible with your efforts and the spirit of the times, we commend them to your further consideration and support.

The foregoing remarks, together with the following tabular statement and detailed report are respectfully submitted :

# TABULAR STATEMENT.

## SUMMER SCHOOLS.

## WINTER SCHOOLS.

No. of Districts.	Length of school in weeks.	Number of scholars.	Average No. of Scholars.	No between 4 and 14, not attending school.	Wages of Teacher per month, ex. of board.
1	15	56	36		10 00
2	9	17	16		6 00
3	10	17	14		6 00
4	12	21	15	5	5 00
5					
6	9	15	10	2	6 00
7	9	20	16 $\frac{1}{2}$		5 00
8	12	20	17 $\frac{1}{2}$		8 00
9					
10	11	58	46	10	10 00
11	11	41	34		6 00
12	7	12	11		6 00
13	10	20	16	3	5 00
14	8	12	12		7 00
15	14	20	17		6 00
16	10	17	15		6 00
17	10	16	14	1	6 00
18					
19	5	20	16	6	6 00
20	14	44	34	3	8 00
21	Not reported by Teacher.				

No. of Districts.	Length of school in weeks.	Number of scholars.	Average No. of scholars.	No. between 4 and 14, not attending school.	Wages of teacher per month, ex. of board.
1	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	56	47	2	18 00
2	10	30	25	12	10 00
3	11	24	19		16 00
4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	35	31		15 00
5	No rep				
6	12	15	11		7 00
7	9	29	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	16 00
8	10	18	16	1	16 00
9	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	21	18	1	12 00
10	10	92	80		22 00
11	9	40	33	9	18 00
12	12	8	7		9 00
13	9	28	26		14 50
14	7	10	9	1	12 00
15	12	18	14		16 00
16	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	22		15 00
17	12	23	16		6 00
18	No rep				
19	11	39	28		17 00
20	10	64	50	12	22 00
21	12	7	7		6 00

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM.—S. Lizzie Fellows, and Ellen M. Copps, Teachers.

This school commenced under the instruction of Miss Fellows and ended under Miss Copps'. The irregular attendance and tardiness of the scholars, together with a want of order in the school room—the progress in the various branches was small compared to the length of the term. The improvement in the house deserves much credit.

WINTER TERM.—Geo. W. Currier, Teacher.

We found the order and general appearance of this school better than at previous visits under the instruction of Mr. C. The several classes reviewed promptly and we believe for improvement and correct discipline this school will compare favorably with any in town, the past year,

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM.—Sarah E. Rogers, Teacher.

A mutually kind feeling existed between this teacher and her pupils, which made all harmonious, and the school pleasant and profitable to the district. A good degree of improvement was made throughout the school. Her register was kept in a neat, legible and correct manner.

WINTER TERM.—Ellen M. Copps, Teacher.

This teacher availed herself of all the most improved methods of instruction; and from all we could gather at the closing examination we should judge the school made creditable improvement.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM.—Frances E. Daniels, Teacher.

A discriminating judgment and a natural intuitive genius for governing are characteristics, which make this teacher pre-eminent in her vocation. Everything about her school bore marks of order and precision. The number of visitors at the closing examination indicated the manner her services were appreciated by the district.

WINTER TERM.—R. F. Morgan, Teacher.

This teacher has had so much experience and success in teaching, that we can add nothing to his reputation by any crude remarks of ours. Suffice it to say, he succeeded in satisfying the committee, the scholars and we should think the whole district, as most of them honored the closing examination with their presence.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Roxana Pierce, Teacher.

This Teacher appeared faithful, patient and laborious in imparting instruction, but rather mild and lenient in her government. Experience may remedy this defect. We should judge, the school made fair progress.

WINTER TERM.—Alfred R. B. Hiscock, Teacher.

This teacher was inexperienced in common school teaching and entered the school under rather disadvantageous circumstances; yet if he had not been so tenacious of his own opinions, and been more willing to conform to the prevailing rules and regulations of our schools, by paying some little deference to those that preceded him, he would have given good satisfaction. As it was, the school made respectable progress in some branches, particularly in Geography.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—*No Summer Term.*

WINTER TERM.—Hiram Clifford, Teacher.

This school reviewed well at the closing examination, showing though the number of scholars was small, that the teacher had not been unemployed. We found scholars here of a high order of intellect, and attainments, far beyond what are ordinarily found in our common schools, but we found them in a *very poor school-house.*

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER TERM.—Angelina C. Hawthorn, Teacher.

The final review of this school was highly creditable both to teacher and scholars. The classes in reading deserve much commendation.

WINTER TERM.—Eliza A. Smith Teacher,

Miss S. was very successful in the management of this school. Good order was predominant. The various classes showed improvement that was praise-worthy.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER TERM.—Sarah A. Healy, Teacher.

Miss Healy entered this school without experience, which is so necessary to good results; yet very good progress was made by the pupils in the various studies pursued, which might have been increased by more of the parents visiting the school room and encouraging the teacher and scholars.

## WINTER TERM.—Isaac Story, Teacher.

Believing as we do, that a right discipline of mind is one of the indispensable pre-requisites of a scholar; as without which all other attainments must be superficial and evanescent; — the adaptation of this teacher's method to effect this discipline was pleasing and satisfactory to the committee. The *class in mental arithmetic*, while it made excellent progress in that science, was taught a habit of thinking and speaking correctly which if persisted in, will be of incalculable benefit. Great progress was made in Chirography.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

## SUMMER TERM.—Annie R. Webster, Teacher,

Miss W. fully sustained her former reputation as a successful teacher. The interest on the part of the parents and scholars made the school pleasant, profitable and creditable to all command.

## WINTER TERM.—Henry P. Wilson, Teacher.

Mr. W. entered this school without experience; yet his good qualifications, energy, sound judgment, and the interest of the members of the district in their school—these combined, made this one of the first in town.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—*No Summer Term.*

## WINTER TERM.—William F. Harvey, Teacher.

At our second visit, we found the school in good order; and the thorough review of the several classes was an indication of the faithfulness of the teacher and the diligent application on the part of the pupils during the present term, that was very gratifying.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

## SUMMER TERM.—Flora M. Morrill, Teacher.

Under the instruction of Miss M., rapid improvement was made in the several branches taught. Good order was maintained, and the interest of the pupils in their studies continued unabated to the close of the school.

## WINTER TERM.—Orville Smith, Teacher.

The course of this teacher, while it was novel and peculiar, was calculated, as the result proved, to win the confidence and good will of his scholars. He labored with untiring interest and devotion for the prosperity of the large number of pupils entrusted to his charge, and his labors were crowned with merited success. We believe the interest of this district would be greatly increased by grading the school in the winter term, and employing an additional teacher.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

SUMMER TERM.—Anna W. Heath, Teacher.

At the close of this term we found that state of things which marks a profitable school. Miss H. deserves credit for her efforts for the advancement of her scholars.

WINTER TERM.—Benjamin G. Howe, Teacher.

The final examination of this school showed an improvement in the order and general appearance, and the several classes reviewed promptly the studies pursued. Good improvement was manifest in some of the smaller reading classes more especially.

## DISTRICT No. 12.

SUMMER TERM.—Louisa C. Weeks, Teacher.

When this school commenced, much disunity of opinion existed in the district relative to the utility of a summer school; but this teacher effected such a change by her wise and prudent management, that, (while general satisfaction was manifested with the summer school,) the agent, with the approval of those mostly interested, determined to engage her for the winter, instead of a male teacher, as they had previously determined upon.

WINTER TERM.—Louisa C. Weeks, Teacher.

The number of scholars in this school was only eight. The final examination was very gratifying to the committee and praiseworthy to teacher and scholars. Also, much credit is due to the members of the district for their interest in the school, as shown by the number of visits to the school-room during the term and at its close.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

SUMMER TERM.—Martha J. Putney, Teacher.

The same may be said of this school as of many others. The teacher found this school pleasant, the district found it to have been profitable, and the committee bear testimony to the creditable appearance at the examinations made at the commencement and close.

WINTER TERM.—John F. Burnham, Teacher.

This school, at our final visit, was in good order. The energy of the teacher, together with the ready compliance on the part of the pupils and interest existing in the district, produced results that were satisfactory and highly beneficial to all concerned.



## DISTRICT NO. 14.

SUMMER TERM.—Susan R. LeBosquet, Teacher.

We were much pleased with this school at the closing examination. Decided improvement was manifested in every thing pertaining thereto, reflecting much credit upon the ability and correct management of the teacher.

WINTER TERM.—John A. Knowles, Teacher.

We are very happily disappointed with the success of this teacher, who, though young and inexperienced, succeeded admirably in his vocation, gaining the good will and respect of his scholars, and making the school profitable and interesting to all who availed themselves of it.

## DISTRICT NO. 15.

SUMMER TERM.—Eliza A. Smith, Teacher.

Commendable progress was made by the pupils during this term, in the various studies pursued; yet small compared to what it might have been, if the members of the district were to remodel their house, and make more frequent visits to the school during its session.

WINTER TERM.—G. P. Ela, Teacher.

From appearance, Mr. E. has labored assiduously for the good of his pupils. Some degree of advancement was made. Nevertheless, from some cause, the final examination of this school was not so satisfactory as could be desired.

## DISTRICT NO. 16.

SUMMER TERM.—Elizabeth Gilchrist, Teacher.

This was Miss G.'s first school, yet every thing about it bore marks of judgment and ability, far exceeding our most sanguine expectations. Her order was firm, decisive and effectual. Her register was kept neatly and correctly.

WINTER TERM.—John F. Burnham, Teacher.

This school was short, but having a teacher acquainted with the wants of the school, of an active temperament and much decision of character, it made excellent progress in all the studies pursued. The teacher awakened a zeal and enthusiasm seldom witnessed in this school.

## DISTRICT NO. 17.

SUMMER TERM.—Angelia C. Hawthorn, Teacher.

This school appeared very well. Miss H. is rarely gifted for

teaching elocution and the cultivation of the voice in young girls, who are very apt to form the habit of reading so soft and low as to be heard with difficulty. She is herself an *excellent reader*.

WINTER TERM.—Angelica C. Hawthorn, Teacher.

The advancement in this school was very good. The deportment of the scholars through the term and at the first and last examinations was very gratifying, and deserve much commendation.

DISTRICT NO. 18.—*No Summer Term.*

WINTER TERM.—Charles Baker, Teacher.

This school was very small, averaging but four scholars, and it was hardly possible for them not to improve. We believe Mr. B. did all for their progress in his power, and they had made fair advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

SUMMER TERM.—Susan M. Patterson and Mary A. Kimball, Teachers.

Commenced under the charge of Miss P., and continued by Miss K. This school was not visited until it had kept several weeks: and by reason of sickness in the family of Miss K., the school was suspended; and the teacher herself being sick, it was not resumed again. We found every thing indicating good order when visited, and every advantage from which results a good school.

WINTER TERM.—A. P. Bennett, Teacher.

Failing to notify the teacher of the time of our visit, at the close of the school we found most of the large scholars absent, but those who were present showed their thorough acquaintance with the studies pursued, and the reviews every way creditable to them. The order was good.

DISTRICT NO. 20.

SUMMER TERM.—Harriette M. Bacon, Teacher.

Never have we seen this school in as good condition as under the direction of Miss B. She holds, (though not old in experience,) a place in the first rank of teachers; and the district have made, by sustaining and yielding their influence generally in aiding her efforts, the school to yield a fruitful moral and intellectual harvest.

WINTER TERM.—Charles Gould, Teacher.

Persevering, faithful and energetic, and bearing with him the prestige of success, Mr. G. entered this school, and the improvement made was rapid; yet no more so than was consistent with a perfect understanding of the branches taught, and a degree of thoroughness highly commendable.

## DISTRICT NO. 21.

SUMMER TERM.—Helen M. White, Teacher.

We were not notified of the close of this school, and are therefore unable to speak of its success.

WINTER TERM.—Augusta G. Davis, Teacher.

This teacher has a thorough elementary education, combined with much tact in the science of teaching, whereas she gains the love, reverence and attention of her scholars, and can hardly fail of being successful. The scholars made rapid progress in all their studies. Penmanship was attended, too, with much success.

PERLEY W. BECK,  
ISAAC STORY,  
S. LAFAYETTE SIMPSON,

} *Superintending  
School Committee of  
Hopkinton.*

Hopkinton, Feb. 25th, 1854.









